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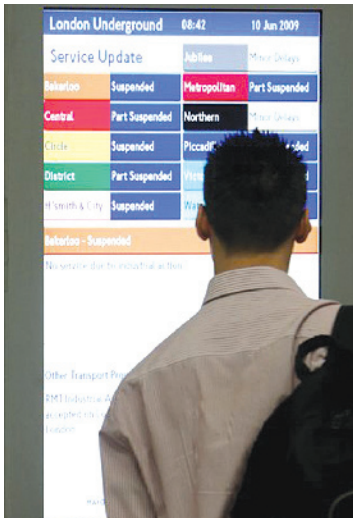
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WORLD NEWS

TUBE-LESS



A man looks at a screen showing London Underground services at Embankment Station, as a 48 hour strike by the RMT union causes widespread disruption to the London Underground Wednesday June 10, 2009. The 48 hour strike started at 7pm Tuesday night after last-ditch talks over pay, jobs and disciplinary issues, broke down.

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SPORTS NEWS

GOING SEVEN



Detroit Red Wings' Darren Helm, Chris Osgood, Kris Draper, from left, and teammates skate off the ice after a 2-1 loss to the Pittsburgh Penguins in Game 6 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup finals in Pittsburgh on Tuesday, June 9, 2009.

See *Sports Today*

A raffle held for attendees

Clients or Renaissance Mall left happy



ORANJESTAD – “We were very satisfied with the turn out of our invitees to our event,” Zugheila Lindeborg of Renaissance Mall stated at the end of the

event. Renaissance Mall shined during this special evening last week. The fabulous stores made sure to provide models, ‘live mannequins’ gifts and

discounts for the guests whom attended the event.

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5th annual event organized by EITCA

Lotto pa Deporte Youth National Tennis Tourney a great success



EAGLE- Eagle International Tennis Club hosted the 5th annual “Lotto Pa Deporte Youth National Singles Tennis Tournament.” With more than 100 participants in various different male and female categories U-10, U-12, U-14, U-18, the event started last Friday with the first round.

On Saturday morning, the competition continued coming to an end around 8 pm. This was a great competition with lots of enthusiasm with everyone celebrating after the final rounds on Sunday.

The management of the Eagle International Tennis Club want to thank Lotto Pa Deporte, and especially Mr. Ricky Croes y Mr. Endy Croes for their contribution and confidence in the Eagle Cub to organize 5 annual events.

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They commend each of the boutiques for their set-up in a manner that was never before seen on the island. The comments were very positive as the clients felt as if they were in a mall in a major international city like Paris or New York.

At the end of this unforgettable evening, 4 prizes were given. The main prize went to Ms. Joanne Croes whom won Afl. 1000,- gift certificate in one of



the boutiques in Renaissance Mall. The second prize winner was Mr. Alwin Boekhoudt who won a gift certificate of Afl. 750,- and the third prize to Ms. Jeannette Rodriguez who received a certificate worth Afl. 500,- to use in that same favorite mall of Aruba.

Colombian Emeralds also participated in the handing out of prizes which went to John Eman a certificate worth \$150,- to spend in their jewelry. Okeanos Spa prize was a gift certificate to Mrs. Debbie Arendz. Congratulations to all the winners and the entire team of Renaissance Mall. □



Beautilities NV joins the PFTSA

ORANJESTAD -- Lizayra A. R. Polak, Managing Director Beautilities NV and Sanaa Bergen-Baroud, Executive Director PFTSA signed an agreement by which starting May 1st, Beautilities Aruba N.V employees will join the Pension Fund Tourism Sector Aruba, PFTSA.

Beautilities NV has been operating in Aruba for over 40 years. The agency is the exclusive representative for L'Oreal Paris, Adidas, Schwarzkopf & Henkel, Healing Garden y Solar Sense, and is located at John G. Emanstraat 29, Oranjestad, Aruba

The Pension Fund Tourism Sector Aruba was founded in 1992 as an the initiative of the Aruba Hotel And Tourism Association and the FTA labor union, as they both shared the vision and the desire to create a pension plan which would provide workers in the tourism industry with additional income after retirement on top of the general old age pension provided by the government. At the moment, PFTSA counts about 25 member-companies affiliated, with a total of 2200 employees-participants, expanding further into the business

community beyond tourism.

As stated on the PFTSA web site: The regulatory body for the PFTSA is the Central Bank of Aruba. PFTSA is dedicated to providing retirement and related benefits, accurate information, dependable communication and valuable educational assistance to its members. As responsible fiduciaries, the fund professionally manages the resources of PFTSA and implements its practices, plans and benefit services with the highest ethical standards.

PFTSA strives to be the number one choice of employers and employees for the execution of their retirement plans. The PFTSA board consists of an equal amount of representatives from the employers' side and the participants' side. The board is completed with an impartial chairman. S Beautilities NV and the Mill Resort & Suites, are two of the recent companies who signed up with the PFTSA. Pictured here, Lizayra A. R. Polak, Managing Director Beautilities NV and Sanaa Bergen-Baroud, Executive Director PFTSA as they sign the agreement. □







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15 years as a dive instructor and crew member on our Catamarans they both start in Pelican Adventures since the beginning of operations. They both have been very loyal to the Pelican Tours. Also celebrating their 11th anniversary Aida Marquez

and Jeanine Hoeverts as Sales Representatives. Pelican's Director of Operations Martin Molina personally rewarded each of the loyal employees during the private ceremony on the Pelican Pier located seaside of the Holiday Inn Resort.

Marriott Vacation Club Resorts In Aruba

Receive Prestigious Industry Awards From Interval International

Interval International, a leading global provider of vacation services, recently honored Marriott Vacation Club and Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club and Aruba Surf Club resorts. During the ceremony, Marriott Vacation Club executives were presented with the following awards:

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Interval International Premier ResortSM - Recognizes Marriott's Aruba Ocean Club and Aruba Surf Club resorts for providing outstanding vacation experiences with state-of-the-art conveniences, and modern features and appointments.

"Interval is delighted to present these awards to Marriott Vacation Club, an established leader and innovator in the vacation ownership industry," said Neil Kolton, Caribbean region manager, resort sales and service, Interval International. "They acknowledge Marriott's significant contributions to new member enrollments with our company and

highlight the exceptional quality of its Aruba resorts. We are proud to have these properties as part of our global exchange network."

"We are truly grateful to receive these notable awards during this milestone year as we celebrate our 25th anniversary," said Jim Hansen, vice president, sales and marketing for Hilton Head Island and the Aruba region for Marriott Vacation Club. "Our success in Aruba is a testament to the hard work of our Associates who dedicate themselves to continually providing unforgettable vacation experiences for our valued Owners and guests."

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Special friends honored at the Aruba Beach Club Resort



ORANJESTAD - Recently at the Aruba Beach Club vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of goodwill

title. The recent honoring were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Aruba Beach they call their home away from home.

Norwood & Gertie Harris were honored as an distinguished visitor after visiting Aruba for

11 years consecutive and also Ken & Holly Crombie from Green Valley Arizona were honored as an ambassador of goodwill.

On picture Mr. Ricardo Croes together with Honorees and also Izaira from the Aruba Beach Club. □

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Joel & Diane Apraham honored at the Paradera Park Apartments



PARADERA - Recently at the Paradera Park Apartments vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of Goodwill title. The recent honoring were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Paradera Park they call their home away from home. Joel & Diane Apraham were honored as an distinguished visitor for the Island of Aruba. Joel commented that every year when they are on vacations in Aruba is special for their friend here in Aruba. On picture Ricardo Croes from ATA together with Joel & Diane Apraham and also Debby from Paradera Apartments. □



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Lotto pa Deporte Youth National Tennis Tourney a great success



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The results are as follows:

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2nd Diego Ostendorf
3rd Marc Donascimento

Boys U-12.
1st Shaquin Cains
2nd Kyle Frankel

Boys U-14

1st Jeantil Saladin
2nd Samer Hamawi
3rd Michael Marquez

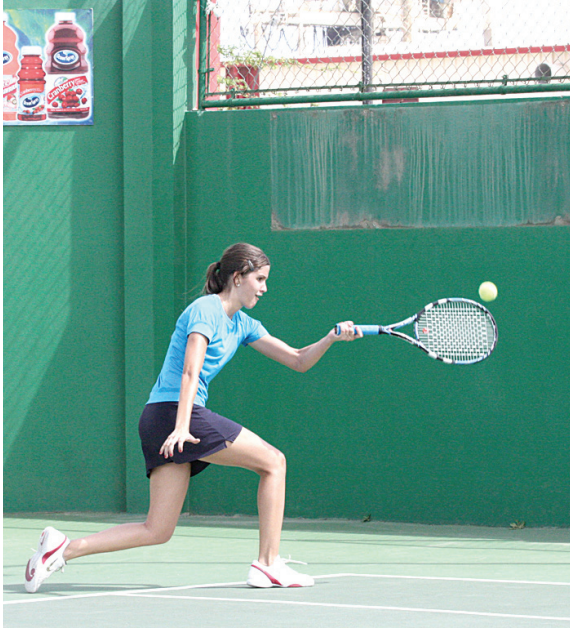
Boys U-18
1st Rynall Kock
2nd Dean Frankel
3rd Lucas Steenbakker

Girls U-10
1st Ilien Pieterella
2nd Asley Paulina
3rd Ivy Wu

Girls U-12
1st Xenia Hierschfeld
2nd Kimberly van Wilgen
3rd Astrid Contreras

Girls U-14
1st Natasha Essendaal
2nd Ashley v/d Zee
3rd Jimena Borja

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educational programs and help inform people of the problem with obesity. You can walk for your personal health and help with a good cause. There will be prizes for the largest group, most animated and those with the best uniform.

Aruba Bank and its co-sponsor for this event have over 3000 people participating in this four days to better their physical condition, have a pleasant time with friends and/or colleagues but also take in some of the beautiful landscapes of our island.

The Walk will take place on the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th in June 2009. On these days the Walk will start at 6.30pm and will alternate in route.

For example on the 15th of June they will leave start at 6.30pm from YMCA San Nicolas. The 16th of June starting place will be Tele Aruba in Pos Chikito. 17th of June will start at Club Caiquetio for Paradera while on the 18th the event will start from the Aruba Bank main branch, Camacuri.

Don't forget to sign up today. ☐

Kerri & Luis tie the knot on Aruba's 'Dream Beach of the World'



EAGLE BEACH - Kerri Boots and Luis Soler celebrated their love with marriage as the sun gently set into the Caribbean Sea. Nashette Wouters orchestrated the beautiful wedding ceremony that took place on Eagle Beach at Bucuti Resorts "Dream Beach of the World". The romantic ceremony included an exchange of vows and rings; Kerri was radiant as she walked down the aisle. They both had a glow of forever love as they glared into each other's eyes and kissed as they became one under Aruba's sun. Immediately following the ceremony Julia Renfro of Bella Aruba Photography took the newlyweds for a romantic photo shoot along the ocean with the romantic sound of crashing waves with a gorgeous sunset and a starlit evening

"We are so pleased to have had our wedding in Aruba and every moment was special, we put our trust in Nashette and everything followed through perfect, she was our guiding light", replied the newlyweds. □

Photos by Julia Renfro



Curaçao to host Caricom council

WILLEMSSTAD - The Antillean Government will receive a proposal from the Council for Human and Social Development Cohsod of the Caribbean Community Caricom during the course of this month for a conference in Curaçao in the last quarter of this year concerning education and public health. Among other things, the council will review the compulsory education discouraging Antillean dropouts. After Minister of Education, Public Health and Social Development Omayra Leeftang (PAR) drew attention to the mutual interest of Antillean participation in Caricom activities with the statement "the Antilles is an observer at Caricom, but a member of Caribbean by nature," the input of the Antilles was welcomed. The 18th meeting of Caricom-Cohsod was held in Jamaica recently and the topic was "Winds of Change: Education and Health collaborating to advance Human and Social Development." When the discussion was held on the regional problem of youngsters quantitatively and qualitatively remaining behind in education, Leeftang received additional time to explain the Antillean approach. The meeting was particularly impressed that the Antillean police are involved in encouraging compliance with compulsory education. The opinion is that enhancing the compulsory education period from four to 18 years of age under good supervision is a step in the right direction

of keeping girls and especially boys in school. "We have also brought forward that this year the results of research will be known where the 'push and pull' factors that influence a significant participation in education are charted per sex. Once you have the youngsters on the school benches, it is also important that they experience education as pleasant and useful; for example, there is a need for 'youngster-friendly' education," says Leeftang. She received support from those present, the Education Ministers of Jamaica, St. Lucia and the British Virgin Islands expressing their approval of this Antillean approach. On the suggestion of Jamaica, the Antillean policy was recorded as a 'best practice' in the minutes of the meeting. Leeftang remarks: "You see that our status as observer does not impose restrictions regarding the sharing of knowledge and experience with each other. It purely implies that we may not vote on proposals or co-sign agreements." Leeftang noticed during the Public Health sessions that many Caribbean countries are further developed than the Antilles regarding HIV/AIDS information in schools. "This could relate to the larger population numbers elsewhere and the low educational level in certain areas where the schools are considered an important medium for information. Nevertheless, I think that we could be more effective with information in schools to encourage sensible conduct in this matter."

Also on this matter, an Antillean proposal was favourably received. Two participating countries with large Catholic populations wondered how they should approach the issue of condom use. Leeftang mentioned the "option approach" supporting a non-governmental organisation in the Antilles, the co-called ABC system. "The scholars are represented with the options that they (A) could abstain from sex until marriage, (B) if they chose not to abstain, remain faithful to one partner, or otherwise (C) use a condom," says Leeftang. The Cohsod meeting considered this a very good approach. Not only has Caricom in any case opted for the condom policy in combating AIDS, but representatives of UNAid who were also present declared that "policy initiatives against HIV/AIDS offering choice possibilities to the target group are the best." Caricom-Cohsod also decided to declare one Sunday in September to be a Caribbean Wellness Day. This year, the general topic will be "Love that body." Maintaining a healthy lifestyle is then expressed as becoming a wave or hype in the region. "In addition to the general topic, the countries may use their own sub-topic. In Curaçao, we would probably go for the 'Move your act.' 'Love that body; Move your act' was to the liking of those who heard of it," says Leeftang.

No support for new, broad St. Maarten investigation

THE HAGUE--The Second Chamber on Tuesday rejected the motion of Member of Parliament (MP) Hero Brinkman of the Party for Freedom PVV ordering an investigation into the state of affairs of Curaçao and St. Maarten. Two other parties, the liberal democratic VVD party and the Socialist Party (SP), voted in favour of Brinkman's motion, along with the PVV. The motion called for the Dutch Government to initiate an investigation into the quality of government of Curaçao and St. Maarten, in particular the extent of corruption. According to Brinkman, there are enough mishaps to report on in Curaçao and St. Maarten. Brinkman's call for an investigation came shortly after State Secretary of Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld-Schouten had promised the Dutch Parliament that she would have an investigation carried out in Aruba, along the lines of the 2007 report of the Dutch Scientific and Research Documentation Centre WODC. Several MPs during last week's meeting, when the motion was presented, said they were in favour of an additional analysis of St. Maarten's state of affairs. However, they didn't consider an investigation to be necessary for Curaçao. Bijleveld-Schouten didn't think so, either. The State Secretary did promise Parliament that she would gather additional information on St. Maarten to update the 2007 WODC report on organised crime and maintenance of law and order to include recent developments. Parliament on Tuesday also rejected another motion from Brinkman which called for an investigation by Dutch detectives (Rijksrecherche) into the disappearance of Natalee Holloway on Aruba in May 2005. Brinkman wants the detectives to particularly look at the first ten days of the disappearance of the young American woman. Bijleveld-Schouten pointed out during last week's meeting in Parliament that Dutch detectives didn't have the authority to investigate on Aruba. She explained that the federal detectives (Landsrecherche) were already carrying out an investigation. Only the PVV supported Brinkman's motion. The Second Chamber supported two motions presented last week by MP John Leerdam of the labour party PvdA. CDA, PvdA, the green left party GroenLinks, Democrats D66, Party for Animals PvdD, VVD and the reformed party SGP supported the motion calling for a report from the Dutch Government about the effectiveness of Dutch assistance to collect taxes on the islands of the Netherlands Antilles. There was support by SP, PvdA, D66, PvdD, CDA, SGP, GroenLinks and the Christian Union (CU) for Leerdam's second motion encouraging the Dutch Government to push for a swift execution of social projects through the Social Economic Initiative (SEI). The motion called for Bijleveld-Schouten to bring this matter to the attention of the Central Government and the island territories. Leerdam's argument was that the investments in the area of poverty, education, good governance and public health benefited the people of the islands.

SP keeps two seats on increased vote share

"The biggest parties, the Christian Democrats (CDA), Labour (PvdA), and Liberals (VVD) have been punished for their pro-European course of the last few years," said SP leader Agnes Kant as the definitive European election forecast, based on exit polls, was published. Final results will not be available until other countries have voted on Sunday, but the usually reliable poll shows that the SP held on to its two seats in the European Parliament, receiving a higher share of the vote than last time. Because of enlargement of the EU, more votes are now needed to win a seat, as the number of seats to which the Netherlands

is entitled has been reduced. "Once again we have gained," said Kant. "We haven't hit the jackpot as we'd hoped, but it's thanks to years of our efforts that so many parties have been critical of Europe's direction." Christian Democrats, Liberals and Labour all borrowed SP policies during the campaign, echoing the party's commitments: no interference with our public sector, less red tape for small businesses, an end to the current system where member states hand over money to Brussels only to get some of it back for projects they could have funded themselves in the first place, and a

reduction in agricultural spending. "Since the campaign against the European Constitution in 2005, these parties have suddenly become Euro-critical," said Agnes Kant. "But to date this has been in words only. We'll be holding them to their promises." Dennis de Jong, who topped the SP list for the elections and will shortly take his seat in the European Parliament alongside Kartika Liotard, who retained hers, was given loud applause as he took the podium. "You have losers and winners in any election and tonight we are clearly amongst the winners," he said. "Unfortunately only four out of ten

people voted. That's six out of ten whose lives are certainly affected by Brussels, but who chose not to have their voice heard. Our task over the next five years is to ensure that these people will see the point in voting next time, by showing them what Brussels does, and above all what it should not be doing." Agnes Kant had nothing but praise for De Jong: "He got stronger in every debate and completely dominated the last debate between lead candidates. In a short time he's grown into the role of 'our man in Brussels'. Congratulations to you and your team." □

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At new Chrysler, problems of old Chrysler linger



FILE - In this Sept. 23, 2008 file photo, the emblem of Fiat is pictured on a commercial vehicle at the 62st IAA International Motor Show Commercial Vehicles in Hanover, northern Germany. Italy's Fiat is the new owner of the bulk of Chrysler's assets, closing a deal Wednesday, June 10, 2009, that saves the troubled U.S. automaker from liquidation and places a new company in the hands of Fiat's CEO.

By **TOM KRISHER**,
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — Chrysler was reborn Wednesday under a new Italian parent, but it can't shake the shadows of its past: It's not selling enough cars, its fleet is tilted to trucks and SUVs, and help is more than a year away.

A 42-day stay in bankruptcy court cleansed the company of much of its debt and labor costs, but many analysts say Chrysler's immediate future is bleak. It lost \$8 billion in

(AP Photo/Joerg Sarbach, File)

2008, and sales are down by almost half for the first five months of this year.

Cars designed by its new owner, Italy's Fiat Group SpA, won't make it to the U.S. until late 2010. And even then there are no guarantees American drivers will want the tiny cars Fiat specializes in.

In the meantime, Chrysler is left with few new vehicles headed to its drastically reduced network of dealers. Its aging model lineup is still heavy with bigger vehicles.

And its offerings in the growing small and midsize markets haven't caught on.

"The showroom is not going to look terribly different over the next 18 months," said Aaron Bragman, an analyst for the consulting firm IHS Global Insight. "They're going to try and maintain market share in a down market with products, many of which haven't been redesigned in several years."

Bragman said Chrysler faces tremendous competition, especially from new cars in the works at General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co.

Even if the new Chrysler Group LLC can survive, the super-small Fiat cars that were popular in Europe, like the 500 and Grand Punto, could be out of step with Americans who like bigger cars and are used to lower gas prices.

During Fiat's last run at the U.S. market, in the 1970s and '80s, reliability problems led people to suggest the name stood for "fix it again, Tony." "Fiat is really not a known commodity in the U.S. market," said David Koehler, a clinical marketing professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago. "It doesn't resonate with the target market."

The new Chrysler began operations Wednesday morning after the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal of lower court decisions that allowed the transfer of most of the old Chrysler's assets to Fiat.

Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne was named chief executive of the new company, and Chrysler CEO Bob Nardelli said farewell to employees and ended his tumultuous 20-month reign. Marchionne quickly shook up the management, replacing Chrysler's chiefs of marketing, finance and product development and cutting layers to make the company more focused on individual brands, such as Jeep, Chrysler and Dodge.

Jim Press, who was Toyota Motor Corp.'s top U.S. executive until he joined Chrysler in 2007, was named deputy CEO and will probably run the company when Marchionne is in Italy.

In an e-mail to Chrysler's 54,000 workers, Marchionne acknowledged the company's problems and said he was determined to repair them. Five years ago, he wrote, he stepped into a similar situation at Fiat, perceived at the time as a failing bureaucracy that made poor cars.

"Through hard work and tough choices, we have remade Fiat into a profitable company that produces some of the most popular, reliable and environmentally friendly cars in the world," he wrote. "We can and will accomplish the same results here."

Marchionne's more immediate problem is weak offerings in the market for small and midsize cars. Its smallest vehicles, the Dodge Caliber and Jeep Compass and Patriot, sell far less than the Toyota Corolla, the nation's top-selling small car. Sales of its smallest vehicles, the Dodge Caliber and Jeep Compass and

Patriot, amount to less than one-third of the sales of the Toyota Corolla, the nation's top selling small car.

Work is already under way to convert Chrysler factories to produce small Italian-designed cars. Neither Chrysler nor Fiat would say which models would come first or how many would be imported to the U.S. "The need is now, but unfortunately, it'll be at least a two- to three-year process," said Michael Robinet, vice president of CSM Worldwide, a Detroit-area auto industry consulting firm.

Chrysler plans to roll out new versions of its popular Jeep Grand Cherokee SUV and Chrysler 300 large sedan by the end of next year, along with a rechargeable electric vehicle. But Bragman said those were probably delayed in the bankruptcy process, making the next 18 months look iffy.

The good news for Chrysler is that it has cut its expenses enough that it can break even with lower sales, said Gary Dilts, senior vice president of global automotive operations for J.D. Power and Associates.

He said much of the drop in sales this year for Chrysler came from cuts in its sales to rental car companies. Chrysler actually made small gains in market share in sales to individuals in the first five months of 2009.

The struggling company has offered the heftiest rebates and other incentives to buyers recently. But it remains to be seen whether Chrysler can produce amazing cars, not just amazing deals. The U.S. government has committed roughly \$8 billion more to help Chrysler as it leaves Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, and the Obama administration acknowledges Chrysler will probably lose money until Fiat rides to the rescue. □



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Stocks fall on interest-rate, inflation jitters

By **MADLEN READ and TIM PARADIS,**

AP Business Writers

NEW YORK — The stock market has a new priority: interest rates.

Stocks fell moderately Wednesday after the government sold \$19 billion in 10-year Treasury notes in a relatively weak auction. There were plenty of bidders, but the government had to lure them in with a higher yield than the market anticipated.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose for the fourth time in five days, jumping to 3.96 percent from 3.86 percent late Tuesday. That helped send stocks broadly lower, with the Dow Jones industrial average losing 24 points.

Investors are concerned the government's debt load is growing so large that it will lead to higher inflation and soaring interest rates. Higher interest rates could hamper the economy's recovery by raising borrowing costs for consumers, while inflation could also discourage them from spending.

Stocks have fallen several times in the past two months on worries over interest rates. Yields on long-term Treasury bonds jumped on May 21, sending the stock market sharply lower, after Standard & Poor's warned it might downgrade the British government's AAA debt rating. That touched off fears that the U.S. government's own debt rating might be in downgraded at some point.

A weakening dollar has also contributed to the concerns about interest rates, since it can lead to higher prices for imported goods, putting pressure on the Federal Reserve to hold inflation in check by raising short-term interest rates.

The dollar's slump has also stirred inflationary worries by driving up prices for key commodities such as oil, which can trigger higher prices everywhere. The price of crude rose above \$71 a barrel on Wednesday, its highest level this year.

Jeffrey Frankel, president of Stuart Frankel & Co., said

the Treasury auction rattled some traders. But he added that several cautious pullbacks in a stock market that went nearly straight up for three consecutive months are not necessarily a bad thing.

"You have some people reading the history books, thinking, 'This looks familiar to what the books tell us happened during the Great Depression,'" he said. "Then you have others that saying,

'Don't sell America short.'"

The Dow fell 24.04, or 0.3 percent, to 8,739.02 after sliding as much as 123 points after the release of the Treasury auction results in the early afternoon. The S&P 500 index fell 3.28, or 0.4 percent, to 939.15. The Nasdaq composite index fell 7.05, or 0.4 percent, to 1,853.08. Data from the Federal Reserve on regional economies did little to help stocks. The central bank

reported in what's known as its Beige Book that five of 12 U.S. regions said the economy's "downward trend is showing signs of moderating."

The Dow has been waffling around 8,700 this month, just below where it started the year, after its massive three-month rebound from 12-year lows reached in early March. "We're going to need to have more positive news on the economic front to make

another push higher," said Ryan Detrick, senior technical strategist at Schaeffer's Investment Research.

Bonds weakened as Brazil joined China and Russia in saying it was interested in buying the International Monetary Fund bonds as a way to broaden its holdings beyond the dollar. Brazil's finance minister said it was considering buying \$10 billion in IMF bonds. □

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OBAMACARE: Will It Be Affordable Universal Health Care or a Government Bailout for the Insurance Companies?

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According to recent reports, President Obama plans to play a bigger role in shaping health care reform legislation being formulated in the Senate and House. The questions is will Obama's personal involvement lead to more robust health care reform which will make significant progress towards affordable universal care? Or, in the name of gaining support from the health insurance lobby and the "moderate" Republicans and "centrist" Democrats to whom it has contributed so much money, will Obama allow so many compromises that health care reform turns into a government bailout for the insurance industry?

Several administration quotes in the New York Times leave reason for concern. According to Rahm Emanuel, "The only nonnegotiable principle is success. Everything else is negotiable." According to the ranking Senate Finance Committee Republican Sen. Charles Grassley (a staunch opponent of a viable public option) in a meeting with Grassley and Democratic Senate Finance Committee chair Max Baucus (who has refused to commit to a public option) Obama said "Yeah, it's [the public option] a problem. If I get 85% of what I want with a bipartisan vote or 100 percent with 51 votes, all Democrat, I'd rather have it be bipartisan." Possible translation--we may be willing to give up a viable public option, mandate that every American buy private insurance, and tax workers for their employer-provided health care, if it will get a bill passed with some Republican votes.

There is a version of health care reform that would be very much to the liking of the for-profit health insurance industry and is very much in line with proposals being discussed by health insurance shills in Congress like Baucus and Grassley who have received huge campaign contributions from the for-profit health care industry.

• First, it would mandate that every

uninsured American buy private health insurance or be fined by the IRS. This would provide the health insurance industry with 40-50 million new paying customers. (Obama argued against Hillary Clinton's proposals for such individual mandates in the Presidential debates, but now appears to be prepared to accept them as part of the price for insurance industry support for a health reform bill.)

• Second, it would provide partial subsidies to families who make less than two to three times the poverty level to buy private insurance, money that would go straight into the pockets of the for-profit insurance companies.

• Third, it would pay for this government subsidy by making workers pay income tax on their employer-provided health benefits. (John McCain supported this approach and Obama opposed it during the campaign, but Congressional opposition to other taxes to pay for health care reform may leave it as the last available option to Obama.) As Obama pointed out in his debates with McCain, this would lead many employers to drop health coverage for their employees and force them into the individual insurance market which is the most profitable sector for the insurance industry.

• Fourth, it would jettison the implementation of a public non-profit insurance option that might cut costs and provide serious competition to the private insurance industry, or more likely, include a neutered public insurance option that would be barred from seriously negotiating with providers for lower prices, and that might well benefit private insurers by offering a dumping ground for older and less healthy consumers whom private insurers don't want to insure, anyway.

If, as Rahm Emanuel says, "everything is negotiable", and if, as Obama says, he'd rather get part of what he wants with more than 60 votes--including some Republicans--than all of what he

wants with 51 votes--all Democrats--then this is what health care "reform" may well end up looking like--a federal bailout of the private health insurance industry at the expense of the taxpayers.

Supporters of compromise are fond of chastising supporters of more robust health care reform, particularly single payer advocates, by repeating that "we can't let the perfect be the enemy of the good." The problem is that an overly compromised health reform bill that satisfies the health insurance lobby and its Democratic and Republican supporters in Congress may not be "good" at all, and may even make things worse. Health care costs would not be reduced, putting increasing strains on individual and government budgets. Uninsured individuals would be forced by the government to buy private insurance they can't afford, taking a big hit out of family income and reducing demand in other sectors of the economy. Workers would be forced to pay for it by being taxed on their employer-provided health benefits. And as a result, increasing numbers of employers would drop health benefits for their employees.

In a few years, this could lead to a huge political backlash against Obama and Congressional Democrats who voted for this "reform." Just as the Clinton's flawed health care proposals in 1994, which never came to a Congressional vote, lead to the revival of the Republican party in the 1996 mid-term elections, the enactment of a flawed health care reform plan by Obama, which results in greater financial burdens being placed on American families, could lead to the revival of the Republican Party and its calls to let the "free market" rule. Part of the problem is that all of the leading Democratic Presidential candidates (Obama, Clinton and Edwards), as well as much of the grassroots progressive movement like MoveOn and unions like the SEIU, took single payer health

care off the table from day one. If you scratch, them, most would agree that single payer health care (which would save approximately \$400 billion dollars a year that now goes to private insurance company overhead, executive salaries, profits, and health provider employees responsible for billing) is, from a policy perspective, the best solution to providing affordable universal health care to all Americans. Single payer health care would align America with most of the developed capitalist world in which government-provided health care is a right and which provides better health outcomes for half the cost. Obama, himself, supported single payer health care as an Illinois legislator and during the Presidential campaign stated if he were designing a health care system from scratch, it would be a single payer system. But, liberal supporters of political compromise argue, single payer is not politically practical. This, despite the fact that polls by the likes of CBS News and USA Today show 55%-56% of voters support single payer. What they really mean is that, in their opinion, the insurance lobby is so powerful than even in the face of a mass political movement and Presidential leadership, single payer could not garner 51 (much less 60) votes in the Senate. Of course if 4 or 5 years ago you asked what would be more likely in our lifetime, single payer health care or an African American President, most of us would have said single payer health care. But even if the liberal supporters of compromise are correct and single payer health care is unlikely to be achieved in the next few years, Obama and his progressive supporters have made a potentially fatal political error by surrendering in advance to the insurance lobby and taking single payer completely off the table as an option. It means that they start the political bargaining process having already given away their most important bargaining chips. □

Capsule reviews: 'Imagine That' and other films



In this film publicity image released by Paramount Pictures, Eddie Murphy, left, and Yara Shahidi are shown in a scene from, 'Imagine That.'

(AP Photo/Paramount Pictures, Bruce McBroom)

Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

Capsule reviews of films opening this week:

"Imagine That" — The words "Eddie Murphy family comedy" are enough to send shivers down the spine of any self-respecting film lover. Between "Meet Dave," "The Haunted Mansion" and "Daddy Day Care," he doesn't exactly have the greatest track record with this genre, at least in terms of quality (box-office success can be an entirely different and often baffling phenomenon). Which is what makes "Imagine That" such a pleasant surprise. It's based on a clever premise and it makes good use of Murphy's comic strengths — singing, dancing and creating myriad voices and personalities — without letting him go overboard and get too obnoxious. Its feel-good revelations are predictable, yes, but it only really turns sappy toward the very end. And it offers an irresistible young co-star in newcomer Yara Shahidi, who very much holds her own as Murphy's daughter without being too cutesy or cloying. Murphy stars as Evan Danielson, a Denver-based financial executive who barely has time for his 7-year-old, Olivia. Estranged from his wife (Nicole Ari Parker), Evan is stuck watching Olivia for a few days but has no idea what to do with her, so he ignores her and instead focuses on his computer screens and constant phone calls. But she's paying attention to everything he says and does — and so are the princesses, Olivia's

imaginary friends. Somehow, the princesses come up with advice on which stocks daddy should buy and sell — and somehow, they're always right. When Evan gives in and starts following their suggestions, he becomes a superstar at work — and naturally, learns to loosen up at home and have a little fun with his daughter in the process. PG for some mild language and brief questionable behavior. 107 min. Two and a half stars out of four.

"The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3" — The way the original 1974 film's title has been condensed tells you everything you need to know about the direction "The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3" is headed. In these fast-paced, mixed-up times, it simply takes too long to spell out the numbers. Then again, just knowing the director is Tony Scott ("Top Gun," "Man on Fire," "Domino") is a major indicator of the changes in store. A low-key, steadily paced thriller about a New York subway hijacking has been amped up with Scott's trademark acrobatics: incessant camera movement, sped-up footage that jarringly cuts to slo-mo, seizure-inducing edits and a blaring soundtrack. Considering that you have heavyweights Denzel Washington and John Travolta squaring off, with a script from Oscar-winner Brian Koppelman ("L.A. Confidential"), you just want to scream at the screen for Scott to settle down and let the exchanges play out for themselves. For the brief moments he does just that,

"The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3" can be an engaging battle of wits, despite its preposterous premise. Inspired as the original was by the John Godey novel, "Pelham" stars Travolta in the Robert Shaw role as Ryder, the leader of a group of baddies who take over a downtown 6 train. He demands \$10 million in one hour (up from \$1 million in '74) or he'll start killing the passengers. Washington (in the Walter Matthau role) plays Walter Garber, the dispatcher on the other end of the microphone who must listen/probe/stall/cajole as a de facto crisis negotiator. While Washington brings his typical grace to this rare regular-guy role, Travolta gets shrieky in a way that recalls his performance in the infamous "Battlefield Earth." R for violence and pervasive language. 106 min. Two stars out of four.

"Moon" — "Moon" does something extraordinary: It seems familiar and derivative, yet upends your expectations about science fiction and surprises you over and over. Melancholy and mesmerizing, equal parts mystery and character drama, it keeps you guessing until the end. The intelligent, assured debut from director Duncan Jones — David Bowie's son, though we won't have to describe him in terms of his famous father for much longer — harkens to the fundamentals of the genre, in which people and provocative ideas mattered more than shiny gadgets and splashy effects. The fact that it's anchored by a subtle yet powerful performance from Sam Rockwell in two separate roles — he's practically the entire cast — is a prime example of this back-to-basics approach. Rockwell stars as Sam Bell, an astronaut in the near future living in a station on the far side of the moon. He's about to wrap up his three-year contract mining helium, the Earth's main energy source, and he's eager to get home to his wife and little girl. One day, amid his daily routine, he starts seeing and hearing things and his

health begins to deteriorate. The base's computer, Gerty (voiced by Kevin Spacey), listens and tries to be sympathetic, tries to assuage him. But then Sam sees another version of himself: younger, fitter, more organized and businesslike. The character itself provides much of the film's allure (Nathan Parker wrote the script from Jones' story idea): Is this a clone? Or is the second Sam a figment of his imagination, a product of his isolation? You can interpret it any number of ways. The haunting score from Clint Mansell, longtime collaborator of Darren Aronofsky, adds to the mood and will stay with you afterward. R for language. 97 min. Four stars out of four.

"Tetro" — Two years ago, Francis Ford Coppola returned to filmmaking with the small, self-financed "Youth Without Youth," about an elderly professor who gets younger after being hit by lightning. While it was exciting to see such a master director striking out on his own and defying Hollywood conventions, the result was laughable in its self-seriousness, and the visuals too often looked cheesy. His second effort in this same stripped-down vein, "Tetro," is gorgeous to behold with its lustrous black-and-white and splashes of bold color, but the

tone remains pretentious. The air is nearly suffocating with artistic angst and aspirations of Greek tragedy, but the film's third-act revelations of long-held family secrets seem hollow instead of profound. Coppola may have a real find, though, in Alden Ehrenreich, whose looks and demeanor recall a young Leonardo DiCaprio. Ehrenreich stars as Bennie, a 17-year-old who shows up at the Buenos Aires apartment of his estranged older brother, Tetro (a brooding Vincent Gallo), who left home and severed ties with the family more than a decade ago. Once a promising writer, the volatile Tetro now scribbles stories (in backward scrawl, for some reason) but never finishes them. Bennie and Tetro are both literally and metaphorically running from the intimidating shadow of their abusive father, an accomplished orchestra conductor who's had a competitive relationship with his own brother, also a musician. (Coppola's father was a composer and his uncle is an opera conductor, but he has said he only used them and their sibling rivalry as a leaping-off point for his script, the first he's written since 1974's "The Conversation.") Not rated but contains nudity, language and violence. 127 min. Two stars out of four. □

Brad Pitt buys painting at top modern art fair

BASEL, Switzerland — Brad Pitt was the star attraction Wednesday at this year's edition of the world's leading contemporary art fair. He was also a customer.

He bought a painting titled "Etappe" by the German artist Neo Rauch, said Art Basel spokeswoman Maike Cruse.

The David Zwirner Gallery in New York had advertised the work as an "enigmatic and dreamlike" representation of a race car being serviced mid-competition. Its list price was \$680,000 — about \$960,000.

The gallery refused to comment.

Rauch is among Europe's top painters, drawing on traditions of Eastern Bloc realism and Western abstraction. □



US actor Brad Pitt, center, visits the international art show Art 40 Basel, in Basel, Switzerland, Tuesday, June 9, 2009. Art 40 Basel features more than 300 leading art galleries from all continents. Contemporary art works by over 2500 artists will be on display from June 10 through June 14, 2009. Other persons are not identified.

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Gunman shoots, kills, guard at Holocaust Museum

DAVID ESPO

Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — An 88-year-old gunman with a violent and virulently anti-Semitic past opened fire with a rifle inside the crowded U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum on Wednesday, fatally wounding a security guard before being shot himself by other officers, authorities said.

The assailant was hospitalized in critical condition, leaving behind a sprawling investigation by federal and local law enforcement and expressions of shock from the Israeli government and a prominent Muslim organization.

Washington Police Chief Cathy Lanier said the gunman was “engaged by security guards immediately after entering the door” with a rifle. “The second he stepped into the building he began firing.”

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Police and security officials are seen in front of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, Wednesday, June 10, 2009. Authorities say at least two people have been shot at the museum.

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Up to 50 vehicles pile up on foggy California pass

SAN BERNARDINO, California (AP) — As many as 50 vehicles were involved in a chain-reaction accident early Wednesday in fog on a Southern California mountain highway, injuring at least 15 people and scattering wreckage for a half-mile, authorities said.

The chain-reaction collision began when two tractor-trailer rigs crashed in northbound lanes, officers said. Motorist Phil Cokkinos told KTTV’s “Good Day LA” program by phone that he saw three separate multi-vehicle accidents as he zigzagged along Interstate 15 near the summit of Cajon Pass about



Authorities attend to the injured after a multi-vehicle collision in the heavy fog at the Cajon Pass on Interstate 15 near Oak Hills, Calif., Wednesday, June 10, 2009.

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45 miles east of Los Angeles. The last crash was the largest, he said. “There was like three, four big-rigs, a couple cars accorded in between them. In all between the three accidents, 50 cars-plus,” he said. □

Trump ousts Prejean as Miss California



Donald Trump place a sash on Miss California USA, Carrie Prejean following a news conference in New York, Tuesday May 12, 2009. Trump, who owns the Miss USA pageant, says Prejean can retain her Miss California USA crown after she caused a stir expressing opposition to gay marriage and posing in risqué photographs.

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JOHN ROGERS

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Miss California USA Carrie Prejean, who stirred up trouble for herself when she said gays shouldn’t be allowed to marry, got two dreaded words from pageant boss Donald Trump on Wednesday: “You’re fired.”

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South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, center right, shakes hands with a pilot of a U.S. U-2 reconnaissance plane as the commander of U.S. Forces Korea, Gen. Walter Sharp, right, looks on at South Korea’s Air Force headquarters operation in Osan, south of Seoul, South Korea, Saturday, June 6, 2009. Seoul will not give in to North Korea’s nuclear and missile threats, the South’s president said Saturday, as key nations edged closer to agreeing on U.N. sanctions to punish the communist country for its latest nuclear test.

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Key nations agree on N. Korea sanctions

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Couple ordered held in Cuba spying case



NEDRA PICKLER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. judge on Wednesday ordered a former State Department employee and his wife held without bond on charges of spying for Cuba after prosecutors argued they are a serious flight risk and could endanger the United States by sharing what they know. U.S. Magistrate Judge John Facciola agreed to hold 72-year-old Walter Kendall Myers and his wife, 71-year-old Gwendolyn, in jail pending a trial.

Prosecutors told the judge that the Myers talked to an undercover FBI agent about how they would like to sail to Cuba one day and live on their boat near the island.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Gordon Michael Harvey said they have a 37-foot (11-meter) yacht at a nearby club and the last entry on a calendar found at the couple's home showed they planned to go sailing in the Caribbean in November, with no date to return. Harvey said investigators also found sailing charts for Cuban waters in their home. "The Myerses, if they are able to get back to Cuba, are a real and present danger to the United States," Harvey said. He said there would be no way for the United States to extradite them from a country it does not have a diplomatic relationship with, or even from the Cuban interests section located just a nine-minute drive from their Northwest Washington apartment.

"The Myerses would be greeted as heroes there," Harvey said. "They would not be coming

back."

U.S. authorities say the Myerses delivered government secrets to Cuban agents over the past 30 years using a shortwave radio, by swapping carts at a grocery store and in at least one face-to-face meeting with former Cuban leader Fidel Castro in Cuba.

If convicted on all charges, Harvey said sentencing guidelines indicate the Myerses face 17 years in prison, giving them a strong incentive to flee. He said the investigation is ongoing and they could face even more charges.

The pair were seated next to each other at the defense table in a packed courtroom, wearing matching blue jail jumpsuits with white t-shirts underneath. They did not speak, and their attorney Thomas Green only briefly argued that they should be allowed to return home with a monitoring device so that they could be with their four children.

Green declined to comment outside the courtroom, except to say, "We're going to keep plugging along" as the case is

scheduled to be moved next to U.S. District Judge Richard W. Roberts. Facciola said he would issue a lengthy written opinion on the Myerses detention within an hour, so Roberts could give it prompt review.

Harvey said the government's case is "extraordinarily strong" with a great deal of evidence, the key coming from an undercover operation involving an FBI agent who approached Kendall Myers on the street on the defendant's birthday, April 15. The agent gave Kendall Myers a cigar, said he knew his Cuban handler and asked that they meet later.

The ruse worked, and the Myerses met three times with the agent at Washington hotels over the next two weeks. Harvey said they made many incriminating statements about their time as spies, and that the sessions were secretly video and audio recorded.

Harvey said the Myerses told the FBI agent that they were recruited by the Cubans in 1979 and that Kendall Myers was known as Agent 123 and

Gwendolyn Myers went as Agent 202.

The prosecutor also said Kendall Myers told the undercover agent he got a job at the State Department at Cuba's direction and that when asked whether he shared information classified as more than secret, Kendall Myers replied, "Oh yeah, oh yeah." Harvey said their statements were backed up with evidence, including a shortwave radio found in their apartment that they said they used to communicate with their handlers, a dairy that Kendall Myers kept professing his admiration for Cuba and Castro, travel records and e-mail communications with "Peter," which they had said was the cover name for a Cuban intelligence official they worked with. Harvey said Kendall Myers wove a "web of deceit" over the years, by making a series of false statements to the State Department about who he was.

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Law enforcement officials said James W. von Brunn, a white supremacist, was under investigation in the shooting and that his car was found near the museum and tested for explosives. The weapon was a .22-caliber rifle, they added. They spoke on condition of anonymity, saying they were not authorized to discuss the investigation just beginning. Museum officials identified the dead guard as Stephen T. Johns, a six-year veteran of the facility. Director Sara Bloomfield said he "died heroically in the line of duty." At the White House, just blocks away from the museum, President Barack Obama said, "This outrageous act reminds us that we must remain vigilant against anti-Semitism and prejudice in all its forms. No American institution is more important to this effort than the Holocaust Museum, and no act of violence will diminish our determination to honor those who were lost by building a more peaceful and tolerant world."

Von Brunn has a racist, anti-Semitic Web site and wrote a book titled "Kill the Best Gentiles," alleging a Jewish "conspiracy to destroy the white gene pool."

In 1983, he was convicted of attempting to kidnap members of the Federal Reserve Board and served more than six years in prison. He was arrested two years earlier outside the room where the board was meeting, carrying a revolver, knife and sawed-off shotgun. At the time, police said von Brunn wanted to take the members hostage because of high interest rates and the nation's economic difficulties. Writings attributed to von Brunn on the Internet say the Holocaust was a hoax and decry a Jewish conspiracy to "destroy the white gene pool."

"At Auschwitz the 'Holocaust' myth became Reality, and Germany, cultural gem of the West, became a pariah among world nations," it says.

The museum, which opened in 1993 and has drawn nearly 30 million visitors, houses exhibits and records relating to the Holocaust of more than

a half century ago in which more than six million Jews died at the hands of Nazis. Its Web site says the museum "teaches millions of people each year about the dangers of unchecked hatred and the need to prevent genocide."

The museum was crowded with school children and other tourists at the time of the attack, but they all escaped injury in the outburst of violence.

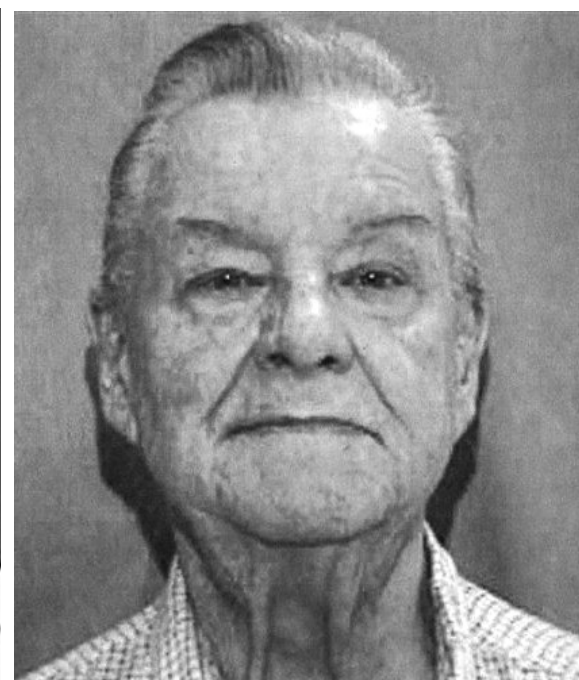
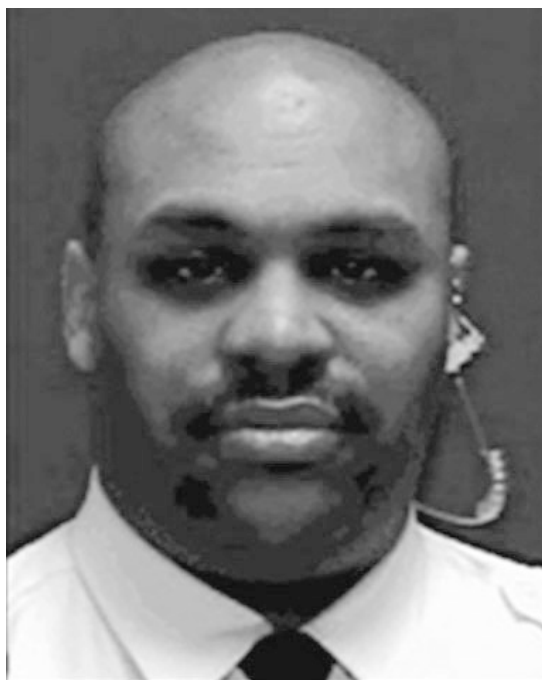
Ashley Camp, 14, of Forsyth, Ill., on a field trip with more than 40 other students, said she heard two or three gunshots. Soon after, she recalled, a security guard ordered the group to run to the exit.

"We had to sprint as fast as we could out the door," she said. "I thought it was the movie (part of a museum exhibit), but then everyone started screaming and running."

The attack was the third in a recent wave of unsettling shootings that appeared to have political or ethnic underpinnings.

A 23-year-old Army private, William Andrew Long, was shot and killed outside a recruiting office this month in Arkansas and a fellow soldier was wounded. The suspect, a Muslim convert, has said he considers the killing justified because of the U.S. military presence in the Middle East. Late last month, abortion provider Dr. George Tiller was shot to death in his church.

Johns, the security guard killed Wednesday, was black. Only last week, Obama visited the site of a German



This undated photograph provided by the Talbot County Sheriff Office on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 shows James von Brunn, left, and in this image provided by the U.S. Holocaust Museum, museum guard Stephen T. Johns, right, is seen. Law enforcement officials said von Brunn, a white supremacist, was under investigation in a shooting inside the crowded U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 and that his car was found near the museum and tested for explosives.

Johns was killed Wednesday, June 10, 2009, in Washington, when an elderly gunman opened fire at the museum.

concentration camp at Buchenwald in Germany where he noted, "There are those who insist the Holocaust never happened." He added, "This place is the ultimate rebuke to such thoughts, a reminder of our duty to confront those who would tell lies about our history."

In a statement from Israel's government, Information and Diaspora Minister Yuli Edelstein said the shooting was "further proof that anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial have not passed from the world."

And the Council on American-Islamic Relations, a prominent American Muslim organization, said in

a statement, "We condemn this apparent bias-motivated attack and stand with the Jewish community and with Americans of all faiths in repudiating the kind of hatred and intolerance that can lead to such disturbing incidents." Within minutes after the attack, federal agents were dispatched to von Brunn's home in Annapolis, Md., to check his computer. Joseph Persichini, assistant director in charge of the Washington FBI field office, said the shootings were being investigated as a possible hate crime or a case of domestic terrorism.

According to a relative, von Brunn attended Washington University in St. Louis and is

an artist.

He was commissioned as a naval officer decades ago, and discharged from the Navy in 1956. A cousin, Virginia Gerker of St. Louis, said in an interview she hadn't seen him in 50 years. She said her family had "disowned" him believed him to be mentally ill.

About a dozen years ago, he applied to have his art shown at a gallery in Easton, Md., according to two of the owners. Laura Era and Jennifer Wharton said they rejected his work and he stomped out.

Mark Potok of the Southern Poverty Law Center said von Brunn's Web site has long been listed as a hate site. □

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U.S. administration seeks ways to tame corporate pay



Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, center, flanked by Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Chair Mary Schapiro, left, and Federal Reserve Governor Dan Tarullo, speaks about executive compensation, Wednesday, June 11, 2009, at the Treasury Department in Washington.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration is rejecting direct intervention in corporate pay decisions even as officials argue that excessive compensation in the private sector contributed to the U.S. financial crisis.

Instead, the administration plans to seek legislation that would try to tame compensation at publicly traded companies through

shareholder pressure and less management influence on pay decisions.

Yet the administration drew a sharp line Wednesday between the overall corporate world and those institutions that have tapped the government's \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program.

The administration issued new regulations Wednesday that set pay limits on companies that receive TARP assistance, with the toughest restrictions

aimed at seven recipients of "exceptional assistance." Those firms are Citigroup Inc., Bank of America Corp., General Motors Corp., Chrysler LLC, American International Group Inc., GMAC LLC and Chrysler Financial.

The regulations limit top executives of companies that receive TARP funds to bonuses of no more than one-third of their annual salaries. But in a significant expansion of authority, the regulations call for a special compensation overseer who will burrow into the pay practices of some of the country's biggest enterprises.

The administration named Kenneth Feinberg, a lawyer who oversaw payments to families of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks on the United States, as a "special master" with power to reject any pay plan that he deems excessive at the seven companies with the biggest injections of public money. Feinberg also would have authority to review compensation for the top 100 salaried employees at those

firms.

The tempered broader approach to executive pay was not immediately embraced in Congress, where a leading Democrat said he wants to go further.

In a lengthy statement released after the White House announcement, House of Representatives Financial Services Committee Chairman Rep. Barney Frank said he wants legislation that would instruct the Securities and Exchange Commission to ban company boards from rewarding excessive risk taking.

"It is not the government's business to discourage risk taking," said Frank, a Democrat. "But neither should we allow systems which have existed up until now whereby decision-makers are handsomely rewarded if they take big risks that pay off, but suffer no penalty whatsoever if those risks result in losses to the company."

With one set of policies for taxpayer-assisted firms and a more hands-off approach to the rest of the corporate sector,

Obama is straddling what has been an explosive issue with the public and in Congress. Executive pay burst as an issue early this year amid disclosures that AIG, the insurance conglomerate, had paid bonuses of \$165 million even as it accepted \$162.5 billion from the government. AIG is among the companies whose pay schemes the government will now oversee. But outside in the broader private sector, the administration chose to use public pressure and the potential for embarrassment, rather than direct pay restrictions.

"We do not believe it's appropriate for the government to set caps in compensation," Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said. "We're not going to prescribe detailed prescriptive rules for compensation. All those things would be ineffective, could be counterproductive in some ways."

Geithner said the administration will ask Congress to give shareholders a nonbinding voice on executive pay and to require corporate compensation committees to be independent from company management. That second provision would give the SEC authority to strengthen the independence of panels that set executive pay.

"We'd like to see better transparency and accountability, frankly," of executive pay practices, Geithner said.

Geithner said the administration's legislative proposals would reinforce administration compensation guidelines that encourage corporate boards to adopt pay packages that reward long-term performance rather than short-term gains and to better manage the relationship between risk and incentive. Those guidelines, or principles, are not enforceable but are meant as a message to corporate boards and to shareholders.

With that policy, the administration appeared to be heeding the concerns of the financial sector. □

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Sept. 11 memorial to feature audio-visual display

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Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Audio-visual tributes to the thousands of victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks

will form the core of the museum commemorating the day's destruction, officials announced Wednesday. Victims' families have been asked to share materials



Britain's Prince Harry speaks with New York City Fire Chief Ron Schmutzler in front of the FDNY Memorial Wall, a 56 foot bronze bas-relief sculpture at the site of the Sept. 11, 2001 World Trade Center terrorist attack, Friday, May 29, 2009 in New York.

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for the underground exhibit within the footprint of the toppled World Trade Center's south tower. They also must confirm the accuracy of the names to be inscribed around two aboveground memorial pools, surrounded by a park.

"The key to this part of the museum is participation by friends and families of the victims," said Joseph C. Daniels, president and chief executive of the World Trade Center Memorial Foundation. "We're asking them to leave us recordings and images or remembrances of those they lost."

Through a new telephone initiative — "Call to Remember" — relatives and friends are being asked "to pick up the phone and spend time reflecting on those they lost," Daniels said.

More than 3,000 packets

announcing the effort have been mailed.

The resulting materials will be at the core of tributes to victims including names and photographs flashed on a wall of the museum 70 feet underground. In an adjacent mini-theater Daniels calls the exhibit's "inner sanctum," visitors will view continuous movies, images and narration commemorating each of the more than 2,900 victims of the Sept. 11 attack.

Another section of the museum will "tell the story of 9/11," Daniels said.

To enter the exhibit, visitors will cross a footbridge and pass remnants of the south tower's columns. They will then see a 12-foot-high wall of portraits, with display consoles offering details about an individual's life.

Those remembered will

include victims of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing that killed six people, as well as those who died on Sept. 11 at the Pentagon, in the four hijacked planes and aboard the airliner that crashed in Pennsylvania.

The memorial is expected to open by the 10th anniversary of the 2001 attacks, and the museum a year later.

Daniels said no victim will be left out. Anyone for whom materials are not submitted will be honored using portraits used in the 2006 trial of Zacarias Moussaoui, who is serving a life sentence for conspiring to kill U.S. citizens as part of the Sept. 11 attacks.

More than \$350 in government and private funds has been raised so far toward the \$700 million projected budget for the memorial and museum, Daniels said.

MISS CALIFORNIA

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Trump and other pageant leaders said Prejean was being let go not because of the remarks but because she hadn't been holding up her end of the agreement she signed when she entered the pageant.

"This was a decision based solely on contract violations, including Ms. Prejean's unwillingness to make appearances on behalf of the Miss California USA organization," the California pageant's executive director, Keith Lewis, said in a statement.

He had complained at a news conference last month that Prejean was skipping Miss California USA events while speaking out against gay marriage at unsanctioned appearances.

After the complaints reached Trump, who owns Miss California USA's parent organization, the mogul decided to give her a second chance and keep her on. On Thursday, he changed his mind. "I told Carrie she needed to get back to work and honor her contract with the Miss California USA Organization and I gave her the opportunity to do so," Trump said in a statement. "Unfortunately it just doesn't look like it is going to happen."

Pageant officials said Prejean would be replaced by the Miss California pageant's first runner-up, Tami Farrell, 24, who was crowned Miss Teen USA in 2003.

"Carrie is a beautiful young woman and I wish her well as she pursues her other interests," Trump said.

Prejean spokeswoman Melany Ethridge declined to comment, saying she hadn't been able to reach the former beauty queen since the announcement of her ouster.



In this Monday, May 11, 2009 file photo, Miss California USA state pageant's runner-up, Tami Farrell, listens during a news conference in Beverly Hills, Calif. Donald Trump issued a statement Wednesday, June 10, 2009 saying he had fired Miss California Carrie Prejean for failing to honor her commitments as Miss California USA, and pageant officials say Tami Farrell will take over those responsibilities.

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During the Miss USA competition, Prejean was first runner-up after answering a judge's question about gay marriage by saying wedding vows should be reserved for men and women.

After the response drew heavy criticism she began speaking to crowds opposed to gay marriage, violating a section of her contract that required she clear unsanctioned appearances with pageant officials. About the same time, seminude photos of her began to surface on the Internet.

Although the photos were mild, pageant officials said she also violated her contract by not disclosing their existence to them.

When Trump initially decided to keep Prejean on, Lewis' co-executive director, former Miss USA Shanna Moakler resigned in protest. □



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Londoners struggle to work amid subway strike

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LONDON (AP) — Londoners squeezed onto overcrowded buses, boarded river boats, pedaled bikes or walked in the rain Wednesday — as thousands of subway workers went on strike and drove the capital to transportation chaos.

Tempers frayed as buses struggled through heavier-than-normal rush-hour traffic. Cyclists swerved between cars, and commuters like Steven McCartney studied bus maps as they tried to plot a way to work.

"I don't really know where I am, where I'm going or how I am going to get back," the 38-year-old management consultant said.

"Service shouldn't ever be stopped by a strike like this," he said.

"Do they not see the harm and the pain that it's causing this city today?"

Each day about 3.5 million people use London's 249-mile-long (402-kilometer-long) Underground network, commonly known as the Tube.

Members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport union — which represents 10,000 drivers, station staff and maintenance workers — walked off their

jobs late Tuesday after last-minute talks with Underground management broke down.

The strike is due to last through Thursday, with full service resuming Friday morning.

The planned 48-hour walkout has so far been London's most disruptive transit strike since September 2007.

On Wednesday, nine of London's 11 subway lines were fully or partly closed, prompting many commuters to cram into buses or seek boat passage along the River Thames.

The walkout was also likely to frustrate thousands traveling Wednesday to north London's Wembley Stadium for England's World Cup qualifying soccer match against Andorra.

Mayor Boris Johnson urged union leaders to return to talks aimed at resolving disputes over pay, disciplinary issues and job losses.

He praised commuters, saying "I congratulate everyone who has got to work. I think they are heroic to be struggling through this."

But for many, patience was wearing thin.

"This is a nightmare," said Hillary Birch, a 54-year-old financial manager, while watching a seventh red bus sail by without stopping because

it was too full. "I had to stay downtown overnight to get to work. My work said that if we don't come in we have to take leave, and I don't want to do that."

The London Chamber of Commerce estimated the strike could cost as much as 100 million pounds (\$164 million) in lost productivity.

The city has been hit by several transit strikes in recent years as unions and management conflicted over the privatization of subway maintenance and the subsequent collapse of the Metronet maintenance consortium.

The union accused Underground management of scuppering a last-minute deal to avert the strike, and said it would be willing to return to negotiations. But no new talks had been scheduled as of Wednesday afternoon.

Johnson said the walkout was "unnecessary and misery-making," and that "the two sides are extremely close" to reaching a deal.

"It is essential that people of goodwill get around the negotiating table," he said.

Many Londoners had little sympathy for the union, which is seeking a 5 percent pay increase over several years.

"It does come across as a bit greedy at the moment to ask



People crowd to get onto a bus in London, Wednesday, June 10, 2009, as a 48 hour tube strike by London Underground workers causes widespread travel disruption in the city.

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for a pay rise when everybody else is taking pay freezes," said banker Adam Tibbalds, 38.

Others said they saw both sides of the argument.

"I think the unions are asking for too much, and the Tube company is giving too little,"

said retiree Roger Denenberg, 61, waiting in west London for a bus to take him to Piccadilly Circus.

"I wish they could have worked it out without striking," he said. "This will be all over the news in the world and make London look really bad." □



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U.S. citizen David Goldman is seen during a hearing at Brazil's Supreme Court in Brasilia, Wednesday, June 10, 2009. An attorney for Goldman seeking to regain custody of his son says that even if Brazil's supreme court rules in his client's favor, the boy cannot depart immediately for the U.S. Brazil's Supreme Court is reviewing whether 9-year-old Sean Goldman can be returned to his father, David, in the U.S.

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Brazil court rebuffs bid to block boy's return to U.S.

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Associated Press Writer

SAO PAULO (AP) — Brazil's Supreme Court on Wednesday rebuffed a bid by a political party to stop a 9-year-old boy from being taken to the United States to live with his father. But the boy's return to the U.S. is likely to be delayed by further legal appeals.

In a 10-0 decision, the Supreme Court refused to consider a request by Brazil's Progressive Party that argued it would be wrong to take Sean Goldman from his stepfather's custody in Brazil after five years in the South American nation.

The high court ruled that a federal court should decide whether the boy will return to the U.S. or remain with his stepfamily in Brazil.

The boy's Brazilian mother remarried and died after bearing a daughter last year. Sean's stepfather wants the boy to remain with his sister and Brazilian family.

What began as a family dispute has become an international controversy.

President Barack Obama discussed the custody case with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in Washington, and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton lobbied for the boy's return to live with father David Goldman, of New Jersey.

And last week U.S. Congressman Chris Smith, a New Jersey Republican, introduced a bill that would temporarily remove Brazil from a duty-free trade program. He says Brazil received \$2.75 billion in U.S.

trade benefits last year.

But David Goldman's attorney said Wednesday that a federal court in Rio de Janeiro, which previously ruled the boy be returned to the U.S., still must consider another appeal from the boy's stepfamily.

Lawyer Ricardo Zamariola said: "Sean will not be able to leave immediately because a federal court of appeals in Rio de Janeiro has ordered that the boy remain in Brazil until it rules on an appeal filed by Sean's stepfamily." Nevertheless, David Goldman said he was pleased with the Supreme Court decision.

"I hope it will diminish the time away from my son."

Goldman said that the hearing also made public another issue that he said he had been legally barred from discussion previously: "The psychological damage that has been inflicted on my son is finally out in the open," he said. "There's no words to describe the anxiety and the pain that I feel from that. Fortunately, it's been exposed."

Goldman's lawyer told the judges about reports by three court-appointed psychologists who found Sean was suffering.

At the hearing, Sergio Tostes, the Brazilian family's attorney, said that when asked in which country he preferred to live, Sean told a family-appointed psychologist: "it makes no difference to me. It's up to the judge."

A few weeks ago, Tostes said Sean told the psychologist that he wanted to stay in Brazil with his sister and friends at his current school.

Repeated calls to Tostes for further comment went unanswered.

Courts in Brazil have been weighing David Goldman's rights under the Hague Convention on international child abductions against Brazilian law.

At the Supreme Court on Wednesday, the government's solicitor general, Jose Antonio Dias Toffoli, told justices that if Brazil does not respect the convention it "runs the risk of having its requests for the return of Brazilian children facing similar situations abroad denied."

The convention requires that participating countries return abducted or wrongfully retained children to the country of their "habitual residence."

In 2004, Sean's mother, Bruna Bianchi, took him for a two-week vacation to her native Brazil and never returned. She divorced David Goldman in Brazil and married Rio de Janeiro lawyer Joao Paulo Lins e Silva.

She died last year of complications from the birth of another child, and a Rio de Janeiro state court granted Lins e Silva temporary custody of Sean.

Last week, a lower court ruling that Sean Goldman be returned to the U.S. was suspended by a supreme court justice based on a petition filed by the conservative Progressive Party, which argued that the boy has been living in the country for five years and would be stripped of his current family environment of "happiness, love and comprehension." □

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Key nations agree on N. Korea sanctions

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Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS (AP)

— Western powers reached agreement with North Korea's key allies Wednesday on a proposal that would impose tough new sanctions on the reclusive communist nation's weapons exports and financial dealings, and allow inspections of suspect cargo in ports and on the high seas.

The draft U.N. resolution, which must still be approved by the Security Council, is aimed at preventing North Korea from obtaining and exporting material and know-how to produce nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles, and from getting the money to finance the program.

U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice presented the draft resolution to the 15-member council, calling it "a very strong, very credible" response to North Korea's second nuclear test on May 25 in defiance of a Security Council resolution adopted after its first underground atomic blast in October 2006.

"This sanctions regime if passed by the Security Council will bite, and bite in a meaningful way," she said. "We think that the message that the council will send should it adopt this resolution is that North Korea's behavior is unacceptable, they must pay a price."

The draft comes even as North Korea appears increasingly belligerent about possible sanctions. On Monday, Pyongyang's main Rodong Sinmun newspaper reiterated that the country will consider any sanctions a declaration of war and will respond with "due corresponding self-defense measures," and on Tuesday the country said it would use nuclear weapons in a "merciless offensive" if provoked.

The provision most likely to anger the North Koreans calls on countries to inspect suspect cargo heading to or from North Korea on land, at airports and ports — and to stop ships carrying suspect material if the country whose flag the vessel is flying gives

approval. If the country refuses to give approval, it must direct the vessel "to an appropriate and convenient port for the required inspection by the local authorities."

The draft does not, however, authorize the use of military force, a demand by North Korean allies, China and Russia, that was also in the 2006 resolution.

Agreement on the draft resolution came after two weeks of closed-door negotiations by ambassadors from the five permanent Security Council nations — the U.S., Britain and France, China and Russia — as well as the two countries most closely affected by the test, Japan and South Korea.

Turkey's U.N. Ambassador Baki Ilkin, president of the Security Council this month, said the nine countries that were not part of the negotiations will send the draft to their governments and will meet again after they hear back.

With the five veto-wielding permanent members already on board, quick council approval is expected, though probably with some changes to the text.

Past sanctions imposed by the U.N., the U.S. and other countries have had little effect in dissuading North Korea from pursuing its nuclear ambitions.

Japan's U.N. Ambassador Yukio Takasu said the international community has "a responsibility to make this sanctions regime very effective."

The draft would have the Security Council condemn "in the strongest terms" the May 25 nuclear test "in violation and flagrant disregard" of the 2006 sanctions resolution.

It would also demand a halt to any further nuclear tests or missile launches and reiterate the council's demand that the North abandon all nuclear weapons, return to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, allow U.N. nuclear inspections, and rejoin six-party talks aimed at dismantling its nuclear program.

Russia's U.N. Ambassador



File - In this Oct. 10, 2005 file photo, North Korean soldiers parade in front of Workers' Party of Korea headquarters building in Pyongyang, North Korea, to mark the 60th founding anniversary of the ruling Workers' Party. Analysts say North Korea has an exclusive department, known as Room 39 or Bureau 39, to control illicit business activities such as counterfeiting, drug smuggling and weapons sales. Room 39 has 120 foreign trade companies under its jurisdiction, Lim Soo-ho, a research fellow at the Samsung Economic Research Institute in Seoul, told The Associated Press. Though the bureau formally falls under the ruling Workers' Party, in reality it is directly controlled by North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, he said.

Vitaly Churkin said Moscow shares "the frustration and the concern" of all council members over North Korea's defiance.

"We are clearly facing a situation which poses clear proliferation risks," he said. "We are doing it with a very heavy heart ... because having sanctions is not our choice. But some political message must be sent."

The 2006 resolution imposed an arms embargo on heavy weapons, a ban on material that could be used in missiles or weapons of mass destruction and a ban on luxury goods favored by North Korea's ruling elite. It also ordered an asset freeze and travel ban on companies and individuals involved in the country's nuclear and weapons programs.

The new draft calls on the 192 U.N. member states to implement these measures and asks the council committee monitoring sanctions to designate additional companies and individuals within 30 days that could face an asset freeze and travel ban. It would also expand the arms embargo, banning North Korea from exporting all weapons — which Rice said

would eliminate a significant source of revenue for the country — and banning the import of all arms except light weapons.

The 2006 resolution called on countries to ensure compliance with the sanctions "including through inspection of cargo" to and from North Korea. □

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AccuWeather: Shorter dimensions cause HR surge

RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The barrage of home runs at new Yankee Stadium is being caused by shorter dimensions, not weather, according to AccuWeather.com.

The meteorology company said on Tuesday that 20 of the 105 home runs hit at the \$1.5 billion ballpark would not have gone out of the old Yankee Stadium.

“Forsomeoneattendingagame at the new Yankee Stadium or watching on TV, the size of the playing field appears to be the same,” AccuWeather meteorologist Tim Buckley said in a statement. “The dimensions at select corners of the field are identical — and the posted numbers on the walls reflect that. However, detailed schematics of the park reveal some nuances that have significant implications.”

Speculation has centered on whether there is a wind tunnel in right field caused by either the open concourses or the slope of the stands, which is less steep than the original Yankee Stadium.



Minnesota Twins catcher Joe Mauer, left, and New York Yankees Mark Teixeira watch Teixeira's seventh inning solo home run off Minnesota Twins reliever Luis Ayala in their baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York, Monday, May 18, 2009. It was Teixeira's second home run of the game. He also hit a three run homer in the first inning.

AccuWeather agreed with the conclusions of Greg Rybarczyk of hittrackeronline.

com, who said in April that right field in the new ballpark was shorter. The Yankee insist

that the dimensions are exactly the same. AccuWeather said the curve

of the wall from right field to center field in old Yankee Stadium has largely been eliminated in the new stadium by a manual scoreboard embedded within the wall, resulting in a right field that was shorter by four-to-five feet on average, but up to nine feet in spots.

It said the walls were also shorter: In the old ballpark, the walls in right field stood approximately 10 feet, and now were eight feet high. Sixty-three of the 105 homers have gone to right or right-center, according to a count by The Associated Press. Monday's game was the 10th with five or more home runs. The new Yankee Stadium is on pace for 293 homers, 10 shy of the major league record hit at Denver's Coors Field in 1999 and an 83 percent increase from the 160 hit at original Yankee Stadium, last year.

“There has been no consistent pattern observed in the wind speed and direction that would lead to an increase in home runs so far this year,” AccuWeather said. □

Associated Press



Beijing Olympic hurdles champion Dayron Robles from Cuba, center, Aries Dayron from the U.S.A., right, and Datron Capetillo from Cuba compete in the 110 meters hurdles during an IAAF athletics meeting in the northern Greek port city of Thessaloniki on Wednesday, June 10, 2009. Robles won with 13.60 seconds.

Associated Press

COSTAS KANTOURIS

Associated Press Writer

THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP) — Cuba's Olympic hurdling champion Dayron Robles returned from an

injury to win his first race of the season in northern Greece on Wednesday.

Robles clocked 13.60 seconds in the 110 hurdles at the Thessaloniki 2009 track meet,

setting the eighth best time in the world this year.

“I had a relaxed race as it was my first this season,” said Robles, who had been out of competition since February. He said he was looking forward to a better performance at September's IAAF World Athletics Final in Thessaloniki. “I want to do my best then,” Robles said.

Aries Merritt of the U.S. was second with 13.45, followed by Cuban Dayron Capetillo at 13.63.

In the high jump, world champion Blanka Vlasic, who took silver at the Beijing Olympics, was a comfortable first, clearing 2.01 meters.

The 25-year-old Croatian attempted but failed to pass the 2.05 meters mark and said she hoped to do better later this year.

“I am not satisfied with my performance, but the season is still at the beginning,” said Vlasic, who has a personal best of 2.07, set in 2007. “I believe I will do better.” Levern Spencer of St. Lucia came second at 1.93, followed by Uzbekistan's Svetlana Radzivil at 1.91.

In the men's event, Russian Aleksey Dmitrik had the fourth best jump of the season at 2.33 meters. Czech Jaroslav Baba was second with 2.31, and Serbia's Dragutin Topic came third with 2.28.

Dana Veldakova won the women's triple jump with 14.43 — the same as Sudanese Yamile Albama who was ranked second as her next best jump was lower than the Slovakian's. Greece's Athanassia Pera was a close third with 14.42, while local favorite Chrysopigi Devetzi — the Beijing Olympic bronze medalist — came sixth at 14.16.

Jamaican athletes dominated the women's and men's 100 meter sprints.

In the women's 100 event, Shaeri Ann Brooks clocked 11.33, ahead of Nigerian Damola Osayomi with 11.44 and U.S. Ladedra Guy with 11.52. □

Robles wins first race after injury

Stanley Cup

Penguins beat Red Wings 2-1 to force Game 7

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Penguins struck early and held off the Detroit Red Wings 2-1 to send a wildly unpredictable Stanley Cup finals to a seventh and decisive game on Tuesday.

Third-line teammates Jordan Staal and Tyler Kennedy gave the Penguins a two-goal lead, and goalie Marc-Andre Fleury held off the defending champion Red Wings repeatedly during a frantic third period to tie the finals at three games apiece.

Game 7 is on Friday at Joe Louis Arena, where Detroit is 3-0 in the series but, as the oldest of NHL playoff adages goes, anything can happen when a single game determines who raises the silver trophy.

Fleury, replaced during Detroit's 5-0 blowout in Game 5, regrouped to make 25 saves

and hold off the Red Wings, who are trying for their fifth Stanley Cup since 1997 but, if they win it, will do so without winning in Pittsburgh.

"He was unbelievable for us," captain Sidney Crosby said.

The Red Wings won the Cup by taking Game 6 in Pittsburgh 3-2 last year but were denied a second successive Cup clincher there, and on the 25th anniversary of one of the biggest days in Penguins' history: The drafting of Hall of Famer Mario Lemieux in 1984.

"They won more races and more battles, had more play, were on top of us more and kept us to the outside," Detroit coach Mike Babcock said of the Penguins.

The Red Wings pushed around and punished Pittsburgh while winning 5-0 in Game 5, a loss that not only embarrassed the



Pittsburgh Penguins Jordan Staal, right, scores past Detroit Red Wings goalie Chris Osgood during the second period in game 6 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup finals in Pittsburgh on Tuesday, June 9, 2009.

Associated Press

Bolt wins Laureus Sportsman award



Past Olympic gold medallists Edwin Moses, left, Usain Bolt, center, and Michael Johnson, right, pose for a photograph in Toronto after Bolt was awarded the 2009 Laureus World Sportsman of the Year Award on Wednesday, June 10, 2009.

Associated Press

TORONTO (AP)—Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt won the Laureus World Sportsman of the Year award on Wednesday for his record-breaking performance in the Beijing

Olympics.

Bolt became the first man to win gold in the 100 meters (9.69 seconds), 200 meters (19.30) and 400-meter relay (37.10) in world record times

in the same Olympiad.

"I am delighted to win this prestigious award and would like to thank everyone who voted for me," said Bolt, who performed his trademark

celebration, a lightning-like gesture with his arms. "It is an honor to succeed such greats as multiple winner Roger Federer, Michael Schumacher, Lance Armstrong and Tiger Woods."

He received the award from Laureus World Sports Academy member Michael Johnson, who set the previous record in the 200 (19.32) at the 1996 Olympics.

The other nominees for the award were: Olympic swimming sensation Michael Phelps; Spanish tennis star Rafael Nadal; motor sport racers Lewis Hamilton and Valentino Rossi; and Portugal and Manchester United winger Cristiano Ronaldo.

In Rome last week, Russian pole-vault star Yelena Isinbayeva received the Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year Award.

Bolt is in Toronto to compete in the 100 at the Festival of Excellence track and field meet to be held at the University of Toronto's Varsity Centre on Thursday □

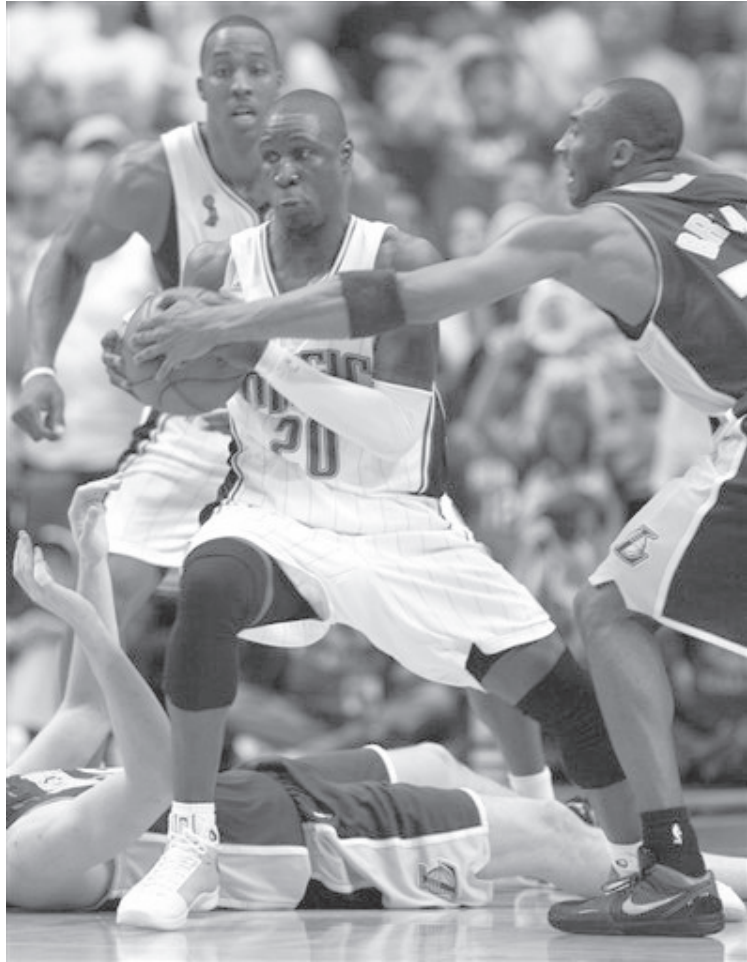
Penguins but put them on the brink of elimination.

But there's been no place like home in these finals, the first since New Jersey beat Anaheim in 2002 in which the home team has won every game. The Penguins took advantage of the two-day break to regroup and, perhaps, to remember the frustration they felt in watching Detroit carry the Stanley Cup around Mellon Arena last June — the first team to do so since Pittsburgh gained an expansion franchise in 1967. Staal broke a scoreless tie that followed a Pittsburgh-dominated first period by scoring off his own rebound in the first minute of the second period and Kennedy — a third-line forward who has scored in each of Pittsburgh's last two home games — made it 2-0 early in the third pushing in his rebound shot.

After that, it was all Detroit as an undefended Kris Draper — one of four players who has been on all four of Detroit's Stanley Cup winners since 1997 — grabbed Jonathan Ericsson's rebound in the left circle and put it past Fleury 2 1/2 minutes after Kennedy scored. □

NBA Finals

Magic shoot 63 percent in 108-104 win over Lakers



Orlando Magic forward Mickael Pietrus, center, steals the ball from Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant in the fourth quarter of Game 3 of the NBA finals at Amway Arena in Orlando, Fla., on Tuesday, June 9, 2009.

Associated Press

TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

ORLANDO, Florida (AP) — Dwight Howard and Rashard Lewis scored 21 points each as the Orlando Magic beat the Los Angeles Lakers 108-104 in Game 3 of the NBA finals on Tuesday to pull within 2-1 in the best-of-seven series.

Orlando shot a finals record 63 percent — including another finals record 75 percent in the first half — to snap a six-game finals losing streak and avoid falling into an 0-3 hole that no team in postseason history has been able to escape.

Kobe Bryant, seeking a fourth title and his first since 2002, scored 31 points for the Lakers but the superstar had just 10 points in the second half and went only 4 of 15 from the field after the first quarter. He also missed five free throws, points that could have given the Lakers that 3-0 lead.

Game 4 is Thursday night, and Game 5 — now necessary — will be at Amway Arena on Sunday.

With their season 48 minutes from all but disappearing, the Magic, hosting their first finals game since 1995, had five players score at least 18 points. Rafer Alston, who made just three of 17 shots from the field in the first two games, had 20 and Hedo Turkoglu and Mickael Pietrus 18 each. “We’ve got to play like this,” Howard said of the balanced scoring. “When guys are attacking we’re tough to guard.”

“We moved the ball a lot tonight,” he said. “We got some good shots. We didn’t rush anything.”

Pau Gasol scored 23 points but had just three rebounds and the Lakers were only 16 of 26 from the line.

For a while, it appeared the Magic, who shot just 36 percent while dropping Games 1 and 2 at Staples Center, couldn’t or wouldn’t miss.

“Well, it was going in the basket. That always works,” Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said. “That formula’s always

tried and true.”

Orlando made 24 of 32 shots in the first half and only cooled off a little in the third quarter as they entered the fourth at a 65 percent clip and clinging to an 81-75 lead.

Bryant sat out the first 4:47 of the fourth, and when he finally subbed in, the Lakers were still down by five and unable to do anything to stop the Magic’s marksmanship.

But then, Orlando began to misfire at the worst time possible.

After Pietrus was long with a wide-open 3 pointer, Gasol was fouled at the other end and made two free throws to make it 99 all with 2:41 remaining. Orlando’s rowdy crowd, which waited 14 years for a chance to welcome the Larry O’Brien Trophy to town, grew nervous.

“Oh, boy,” muttered one fan near the media section.

But Pietrus calmed fears by dunking in a rare miss to put the Magic up two points, and when Lewis hit a jump shot — it was originally called a 3 pointer, but replays showed his right foot was on the line — Orlando was up 104-101.

Howard was called for a questionable foul on a drive by Bryant, who then split his two free throws. When he went to the Lakers bench during a timeout that followed, Bryant hit himself in the head for letting two more valuable points slip away.

Orlando couldn’t capitalize, though, and the Lakers got the ball back when Lewis missed a baseline jumper and the rebound went off him and out of bounds.

Bryant, who scored 17 in the first quarter and 21 by halftime, then maybe tried to do too much. He crossed over to get past Pietrus, but Howard, the league’s defensive player of the year known mostly for his blocks underneath, made like a point guard and tipped the ball away. Pietrus was fouled and made both to make it 106-102. The Lakers suddenly became desperate. Instead of working the ball in to Gasol or Lamar Odom, they fired away from outside. □

WNBA Roundup

Fever beat Storm for first win

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana Fever avoided their worst start to a WNBA season since 2001 when they beat the Seattle Storm 73-66 on Tuesday.

The Fever’s first win in three games also snapped a three-game losing streak against the Storm.

Katie Douglas scored 20 points, Ebony Hoffman 18 and Tamika Catchings added 14 and seven rebounds for the Fever.

Indiana’s Yolanda Griffith



Indiana Fever’s Ebony Hoffman, left, drives to the basket against Seattle Storm’s Camille Little during the first quarter of a WNBA basketball game in Indianapolis, Tuesday, June 9, 2009.

Associated Press

suffered a left ankle injury in the first quarter and did not return.

Lauren Jackson had 21 points, Swin Cash scored 14 and Sue

Bird added 10 points and five assists for Seattle.

The Fever, who led by five entering the fourth quarter, used a 7-2 run to extend their

lead to 65-56. Douglas, playing with a left eye contusion, hit a jumper to give Indiana a 69-60 advantage with 4 minutes left. □





In this March 24, 2009 file photo, Dallas Stars head coach Dave Tippett, top, calls his goalie off the ice against the Vancouver Canucks as Stars' Mike Ribeiro (63), Steve Ott (29) and Loui Eriksson (21) look on during the third period of an NHL hockey game in Dallas. Canadian

Associated Press

Source: Stars fire coach Dave Tippett

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ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Stars fired coach Dave Tippett on Wednesday, the first major move by the NHL team under new general manager Joe Nieuwendyk.

A person familiar with the decision confirmed the firing to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because the team was not releasing the news.

The Stars hired Nieuwendyk, who helped them win a Stanley Cup in 1999, 10 days ago.

Canadian cable sports channel TSN quoted unidentified sources as saying the Stars had asked for permission to talk to former Los Angeles Kings coach Marc Crawford. Tippett was hired May 21, 2002, and had a 271-59-162 record in six seasons. The Stars made the playoffs in Tippett's first five seasons and won two division titles.

Dallas lost to eventual Stanley Cup winner Detroit in the conference finals in 2008 and came into the season with high aspirations.

But the Stars missed the playoffs for the third time since moving to Dallas in 1993 and for the first time since hiring Tippett in 2002. Dallas never got on track in part to numerous injuries. □

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Congreso Perú suspende ley Amazonía tras protestas

LIMA/YURIMAGUAS, Perú (Reuters) - El Congreso de Perú suspendió el miércoles por tiempo indefinido polémicas leyes de inversión en la Amazonía que desataron protestas de indígenas, con decenas de muertos, pero los nativos afirman que persistirán en su lucha para lograr su total derogatoria.

Las peores protestas que ha enfrentado el Gobierno neoliberal de Alan García se desataron a inicios de abril y llegaron a afectar el suministro de petróleo. Los indígenas amazónicos rechazan las leyes bajo el argumento de que los “despoja” de sus territorios ricos en recursos naturales.

La suspensión de las normas fue aprobada por parlamentarios de algunos grupos políticos. Sin embargo, los legisladores del opositor Partido Nacionalista reclamaron porque quieren la eliminación total de las leyes y nueve de ellos iniciaron una huelga de hambre en el hemisiciclo.

Según el Congreso, que no precisó por cuánto tiempo se



Indígenas con lanzas levantan una barricada en una carretera en Yurimaguas, Perú, 10 jun 2009. El Congreso de Perú suspendió el miércoles temporalmente polémicas leyes de inversión en la Amazonía que desataron violentas protestas de indígenas con un saldo de decenas de muertos, pero los nativos seguirán manifestando para lograr su total derogatoria. REUTERS/Enrique Castro-Mendivil

mantendrán suspendidas las leyes, entre ellas la discutida “Ley Forestal y de Fauna Silvestre”, se buscará realizar “sustanciales modificaciones” en las normas, en consenso con los grupos indígenas y representantes del Gobierno.

“Ahora no hay razón para seguir con las protestas”, afirmó a periodistas la ministra de Interior, Mercedes Cabanillas, en la primera reacción del Gobierno sobre el tema. Pero en Yurimaguas, a unos 1.400 kilómetros al noreste de Lima,

los aborígenes bloquearon nuevamente la principal carretera que abastece a ese poblado, luego que el martes abrieron el camino en una tregua temporal tras los al menos 33 muertos que dejaron enfrentamientos el fin de

semana.

Miles de nativos de cinco regiones amazónicas protestan desde hace más de 60 días contra leyes que abren la extensa Amazonía a las inversiones de empresas privadas y han convocado para el jueves a un paro en esas zonas selváticas.

“Nuestra reacción es no suspender la huelga, continuar hasta el final”, dijo el dirigente Efraín Pizango, junto a cientos de indígenas apostados en la carretera que escucharon por radio decepcionados la decisión del Congreso en Lima.

Los nativos en Yurimaguas, algunos con señales de cansancio por dormir a la intemperie soportando lluvias, eran atendidos en un improvisado puesto de salud y recibían medicamentos para combatir principalmente enfermedades respiratorias.

“Estamos preparándonos para el paro amazónico y esperamos acatarlo contundentemente”, dijo por su parte el nativo Isidro Lancha, con rayas rojas pintadas en el rostro.

En Venezuela

Ordenan suspender venta de Coca Cola Zero

CARACAS (AP) - El Ministerio para la Salud ordenó a la embotelladora mexicana Coca Cola Femsa suspender la venta de su producto Coca Cola Zero por considerar que contiene un componente que podría resultar perjudicial para los humanos, informó el miércoles la agencia estatal de noticias. La embotelladora no ofreció de momento comentarios sobre la medida. El ministro para la Salud, Jesús Mantilla, dijo a la estatal Agencia Bolivariana de Noticias (ABN) que su despacho acordó, luego de una inspección que se realizó a las instalaciones de la embotelladora, que la Coca Cola Zero “debe salir de circulación para preservar la salud de los venezolanos”.

Mantilla expresó que la medida implica la prohibición inmediata de la venta de la bebida, así como la recolección de todas las Coca Cola Zero que se encuentren en los establecimientos comerciales del país.

El ministro indicó que el interés del gobierno venezolano “es actuar a favor de la salud de toda la población y garantizar que no sean comercializados productos que contengan sustancias que pueden resultar nocivas para el individuo”, según reseñó ABN. La Coca Cola Zero en una versión que sacó la embotelladora Coca Cola que no contiene azúcar. □

Presidente dominicano aboga por DDHH, laborales de migrantes

SANTO DOMINGO (AP) - El presidente Leonel Fernández inauguró el miércoles un seminario internacional sobre migración en el que consideró que es necesario darle un enfoque laboral y de derechos humanos a las políticas en esa materia.

“Procuremos establecer un ordenamiento, una forma de regularización al fenómeno migratorio que tiene que partir de la idea siempre del respeto a los derechos humanos, del respeto a los derechos laborales de quienes emigran a cualquier lugar del mundo”, manifestó el gobernante en su discurso inaugural del seminario “Políticas migratorias y experiencias en el proceso de regularización”.

El evento fue organizado por el gobierno dominicano y cuenta con funcionarios de organismos migratorios de 25 países.

Fernández comentó que se debe mirar con preocupación hacia el futuro el tema

migratorio, pues para el 2050 se prevé un crecimiento en la población mundial de 2.800 millones de nuevos habitantes, de los cuales el 96 por ciento nacerá en países con tendencia a la migración de sus habitantes.

Según sus proyecciones, habrá un incremento en el flujo del sur hacia el norte por lo que debe haber una agenda global de todos los países, ya que en Europa se registrará un envejecimiento de la población y se incrementará la demanda de la fuerza laboral. Como aspectos positivos de la migración, el mandatario destacó que en el caso de República Dominicana ha contribuido al desarrollo porque cerca del 12 por ciento del Producto Interno Bruto está determinado por las remesas que ya exceden los 3.000 millones de dólares al año.

Destacó también el impacto educativo y cultural de dominicanos que estudian ya en otras lenguas. □



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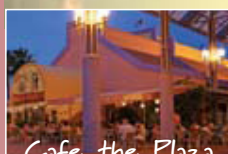
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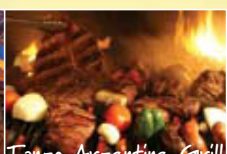
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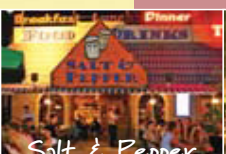
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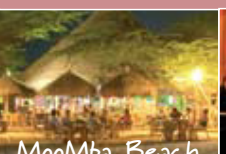
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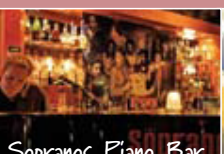
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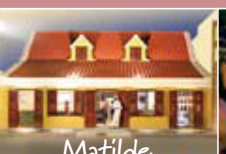
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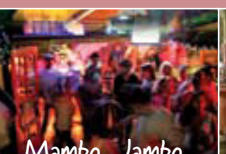
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